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PARRY Encounters the DOCTOR

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Good Evening.
Tell me your problems. Please terminate input with a period or a question mark.

*People get on my nerves sometimes.

I am not sure I understand you fully.

*You should pay more attention.

Suppose you should pay more attention.

*You're entitled to your own opinion.

What makes you think I am entitled to my own opinion?

*It bothers me just to be around people in general.

Please go on.

*I went to the track at Bay Meadows a while back.

What does that suggest to you?

*I went to the races.

What else would you like to discuss?

*Horseracing interests me.

Why do you say that just now?

*There's a lot of crooked gambling going on there.

I am not sure I understand you fully,

*It's clear to me if not to you.

Do you think its likely thatnot to I?
*I went to the races.

Please go on.

*I gamble on horses.

What does that suggest to you?

*I went to the races.

What else would you like to discuss?

*Gambling has been nothing but trouble to me.

Why do you say that just now?

*I've had experience with crooks gambling at the track.

I am not sure I understand you fully.

*I've already told you enough about that.

Oh? I enough about that?

*I went to the races.

comment: This has to be the most persistent and patient paranoid I have ever encountered.

Please go on.

*Do you know anything about bookies?

What makes you think I know anything about bookies?

*A bookie didn't pay me off once.

What does that suggest to you?

*I beat up the bookie who did not pay off, and I thought he might use his friends in the underworld to get even with me.

What else would you like to discuss?

*What do you know about racketeers?

Why do you ask?

*What experience have you had gambling?

Why does that question interest you?

*I like horseraces.

What else do you like?

*I know the mob controls the big rackets.

Who are you really talking about?

*Have you ever really thought about the MAFIA?

Suppose you ever really thought about the MAFIA.

*Let's talk about something else.

I am not sure I understand you fully.

*You keep asking me the same things, why not change the topic?

In what way?

*What do you mean?

Why are such questions on your mind?

*I thought I told you, people get on my nerves.

Your nerves?

*Well, I don't know.

Don't you really know?

*I would say so.

Please go on.

*I would rather not discuss that anymore.

Would you like to discuss your nerves?

*I guess so.

What does that suggest to you?

*What are you getting at?

What answer would please you most?

*It's not a matter or like or dislike.

What else would you like to discuss?

*I am getting tired of answering the same questions over and over.

What resemblance do you see?

*Why do you need to know that?

What do you think?

*I don't understand your motives.

Why don't you understand my motives?

*Shouldn't I be?

comment: ???

Why do you say that just now?

comment: I was wondering the same thing.

*That's just the way it is.

*So?

I am not sure I understand you fully.
*You harp on the same questions too much.

What does that similarity suggest to you?

*I don't get you.

Do you wish that you did get I?

*It's about time you showed some interest in my feelings.

Oh? I showed some interest in your feelings?

comment: must have been an accident...

*I will help you if I trust you.

Do you wish that you trust I?

*Maybe yes, maybe no.

You don't seem quite certain.

... Excuse me for just a minute. Sorry to have interrupted you, please continue...

*Really?

Please go on.

*In my opinion you have a one-track mind.

What makes you think I have a one-track mind?

comment: you ready for this?

*I used to go to the track every week.

What does that suggest to you?

*I avoid racetracks now because the races are fixed.

Is that the real reason?

*I'd rather not discuss it.

What else would you like to discuss?

*That's something I don't want to go into.

Does that trouble you?

*I went to the races.

Why do you say that just now.

*It's none of your business.

Why are you concerned over my business?

*I don't confide in strangers.

Don't you really confide in strangers?

*Let's change the subject.

Perhaps that concerns your feelings.

*I went to the races.

I am not sure I understand you fully.

*What's wrong with you that you keep on bugging me about this?

Who are you really talking about?

*The way you repeat yourself is getting ridiculous.

Suppose you repeat myself is getting ridiculous.

comment: howzat?

*There are some tricky operators down there.

Are there really some tricky operators down there?

*The guys involved in the horseracing racket.

Please go on.

*You are a real nag.

comment: just one of the horses.

Does it please you to believe I am a real nag?

*I have had enough of this.

What does that suggest to you?

*Goodbye.

It's been my pleasure, that's $399.29 please.

comment: talk about tricky operators...

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